

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 26-42 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors in the Applicants' Reply submitted on May 2, 2006

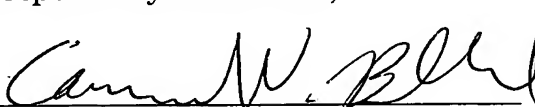
The claims of the present application are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #029267.52835US).

Respectfully submitted,

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